

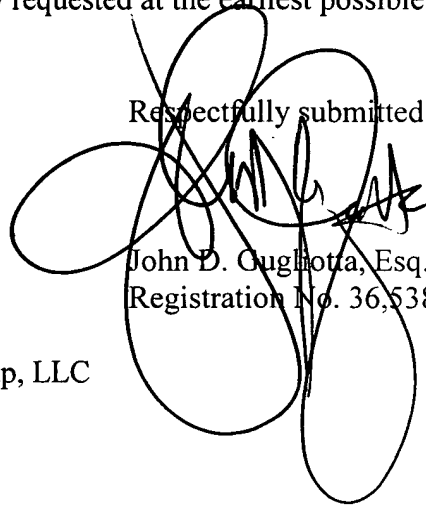
REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

In reviewing the references cited, it appears that none of the prior art incorporate a telescopingly mounted support member deployable from a slide channel mounted below a seat area the snowmobile. Further, none describe a support member is further incorporated into a rear bumper in a concealed fashion, nor an upright support member terminating with a flexible plate to prevent the retractable stand from penetrating into snow if the stand is being used under outdoor conditions.

Therefore, in view of foregoing amendments and clarifications, the applicant submits that allowance of the present application and all remaining claims, as amended, is in order and a formal Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,


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